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We have the honour to submit herewith a memorandum of 21 Member States confronted with special economic problems arising from the application of sanctions against Iraq pursuant to Security Council resolution 661 (1990) which addressed the Security Council under Article 50 of the Charter of the United Nations and on which the Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait made recommendations for appropriate action.

We would be grateful if you would have this memorandum considered by the Security Council and circulated with the present letter as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

MEMORANDUM

1. By resolution 669 (1990), the Security Council entrusted its Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) with the task of examining requests for assistance under the provisions of Article 50 of the Charter of the United Nations. It was the first time that a large number of States addressed the Security Council on the basis of this Article.

2. All the 21 States addressing the Security Council under Article 50 of the Charter emphasized their full adherence to the relevant Security Council resolutions relating to the Gulf crisis and their solidarity with the international community. They expressed their firm determination to continue to comply fully with the provisions of resolution 661 (1990), in spite of the grave economic, financial and commercial losses incurred as a result of implementation of sanctions, which are estimated at more than $US 30 billion.

3. The Security Council Committee considered the cases referred to it and by the recommendations adopted, launched individual appeals to all States and specialized agencies of the United Nations and international financial institutions to provide urgent assistance to the affected States in order to mitigate the adverse economic and social problems confronted by them.

4. The problems affecting these countries persist, and in certain respects have been aggravated, while the appeals launched pursuant to the recommendations of the Security Council Committee and addressed to all concerned by the Secretary-General, have not evoked responses commensurate with the urgent needs of the affected countries.

5. Assistance to the affected countries in accordance with Article 50 of the Charter would reaffirm international solidarity and unity.

6. The 21 States launch a collective appeal, particularly to all donor States, to respond urgently and effectively in providing assistance to the affected countries by allocating additional financial resources both through bilateral channels and by supporting the actions of the competent organs and specialized agencies of the United Nations system.

7. The 21 States most seriously affected believe that it is essential that all Member States, as well as the United Nations, the specialized agencies and other international organizations of the United Nations system, take all appropriate action to cooperate with them in the fields of trade, employment, economic assistance and other areas, in order to alleviate the difficult economic problems facing them.

8. The affected countries believe that, given the magnitude of the difficulties they face, the Security Council should give renewed attention to these problems with a view to finding quick and effective solutions.